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Prior Application: T. OKAMOTO et al  
Serial No. 09/107,986  
Filed: June 30, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2172  
Examiner: E. Colbert  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEARCHING  
AND DISPLAYING STRUCTURED DOCUMENT

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
Box: Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 28, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/107,986, filed on June 30, 1998, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEARCHING AND DISPLAYING STRUCTURED DOCUMENT, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A check including the amount of \$1,084.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/107,986, filed June 30, 1998.--.

6. New drawings are enclosed, forty-two (42) sheets, Figs. 1-47.

7. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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8. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

9. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 09-190716, filed July 1, 1997, and

NO. 09-195408, filed July 22, 1997.

The certified priority documents have been filed in prior application no. 09/107,986.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/107,986, as originally filed on June 30, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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